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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: NYA |
| REIJI HASEGAWA et al. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: NYA |
| Application No.: Not Yet Assigned |) | |
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| Filed: Concurrently Herewith |) | |
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| For: IMAGE PROCESSING |) | |
| APPARATUS AND IMAGE | : | |
| PROCESSING SYSTEM AND |) | |
| ITS CONTROL METHOD | : | August 29, 2006 |

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows: